

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration. Claims 5, 10 and 15-16 are objected to. Claims 20-22 are allowed.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 recites a lock provided on a bottom of the speaker unit. The Examiner relies upon the catch 12 of Hawkins. However, this element is not provided on a bottom of the speaker housing 2, as shown in Fig. 1 of the reference.

Independent claim 11 recites a joint member, coupled to the stationary member via a first shaft, which is held in place by the first bracket, to rotate about the first shaft; a supporter having hooks to cooperate with the locks of the speaker and a second bracket, coupled to the joint member via a second shaft, which is held in place by the second bracket, to rotate about the second shaft. Thus, a first shaft and a second shaft are recited.

The Examiner admits that Hawkins does not teach first and second shafts, but instead relies upon Kruszewski. However, the combination lacks the requisite motivation. Specifically, Kruszewski teaches that the use of a ball and socket joint is undesirable. Kruszewski, col. 1, ln. 50-54. However, Hawkins teaches the use of a ball and socket joint as being advantageous. Hawkins, para. 17. Thus, the references have contrary teachings, and therefore one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine the references.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

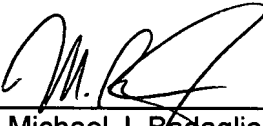
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Respectfully submitted,

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